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Title:

GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR-8 NUCLEIC ACID AND

POLYPEPTIDE FROM AQUATIC SPECIES, AND TRANSGENIC

AQUATIC SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2001.

The requested extension is for One (1) Month, extending the period for response from December 20, 2001 to January 20, 2002.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, January 22, 2002, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Enclosed is Check No. 499456 in the amount of \$55.00; which consists of the fee for One (1) Month Extension of Time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 22, 2002_

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